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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RECIPROCITY EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS
DUTIES AND TAXES

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1. SINCE PASSING SUBSTANCE REF B TO TAROM, WE HAVE
HAD ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH TAROM STAFF BUT ARE STILL
AWAITING FORMAL RESPONSE. TAROM FINANCIAL MANAGER
DUMITRU HUIBAN TOLD US HE SAW NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE
TO GRANTING RECIPROCAL CUSTOMS DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTIONS
TO AMERICAN CARRIERS, INCLUDING CHARTERS, IN ROMANIA
AND THAT IN FACT ROMANIAN LAW PROVIDES FOR SUCH EX-
EMPTIONS, BUT HE ASKED FOR TIME TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL
STAFF AND WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

2. QUESTION OF ALLEGEDLY HIGHER PRICES FOR AVIATION
FUEL IN NEW YORK AROSE DURING DISCUSSION, WITH TAROM
OFFICIALS REMARKING THAT PERHAPS ROMANIA WILL HAVE TO
RAISE BUCHAREST PRICES TO SAME LEVEL. SINCE IT MAY
PROVE IMPOSSIBLE IN PRACTICE TO SEPARATE OUT "TAX"
COMPONENT OF TOTAL FUEL PRICE IN ROMANIA, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON RATES CHARGED IN NEW YORK FOR
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NON-BONDED DOMESTIC JET A AND BONDED JET A-1. SHOULD

EMBASSY MAKE EFFORT TO OBTAIN ROMANIAN COMMITMENT THAT
RATE CHARGED US CARRIERS IN ROMANIA FOR FUEL WILL BE
IDENTICAL TO TAX-FREE RATE PAID BY DOMESTIC CARRIER
TAROM?

3. WITH REGARD SAFETY ISSUE, AGREE THAT PROBLEM IS
NOT ACUTE SINCE TAROM FUEL SPECIALIST VICTOR STANESCU
SAID BOEING 707S, WITH HEATED FUEL SYSTEM, CAN USE
EITHER JET A OR JET A-1. IF ROMANIANS SHOULD USE
SOVIET-MADE IL-62 ON NEW YORK RUN, HOWEVER, BONDED
JET A-1 MAY BE REQUIRED AS SOVIET CRAFT DOES NOT
HAVE HEATED FUEL SYSTEM. STANESCU ADDED, HOWEVER,
THE HE WAS CONVINCED FIRST SCHEDULED TAROM FLIGHT TO
KENNEDY AIRPORT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHICH HE ACCOMPANIED,
WAS REFUELED WITH JP-4 OR EQUIVALENT WITH FREEZING
POINT OF ABOUT -40 DEGREES, A FUEL THAT DID NOT COR-
RESPOND WITH PRATT & WHITNEY ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS
FOR BOEING 707 AND WOULD PROVE HAZARDOUS IF USED IN
IL-62.
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